





By ED GDOSKY Special to The Dallas Post

The 18th Spring Gobbler season opened Saturday, April 27, and will close Saturday, May 25. Shooting hours are one half hour before sunrise to 11:00am. Hunters must be out of the woods by 12 noon. Only bearded turkeys may be shot because by May most birds have mated and gobblers become "excess birds." Harvesting them doesn't affect our turkey population.

Knights garner WVC title

Lake-Lehman Knights took the 1985 Wyoming Valley Volleyball Conference title with a 12-0 record. Tunkhannock placed second at 11-1 and North Pocono with 10-2.

The Knights will be No. One seed from District 2 in the PIAA competition with Tunkhannock No. 2 and North Pocono No. 3. The state competition will be May 25 at Pennsylvania State University.

In recent competition, the Knights blanked West Side Tech 2-0. Dave Jachimowicz was top server for the Knights with 15 consecutive points in the first game. He played an outstanding game in the second set to help the Knights win 15-0, 15-5.

Doing a great job as hitters for the Knights were Chris Kukosky, Greg Javer and Dave Mosier.

Dallas netters upped their record by downing Wyoming Valley West 2-

Chris Busch's spiking and excel-lent setting by John Oravitz and John Strange led the Mountaineeers to 15-9, 15-12 wins over the Spartans.

In the second game Dallas trailed 5-0 before rallying to win. Mike Watchulonis scored nine points and Matt Conologue added five to make them the two top scorers.

-CHARLOT M. DENMON

Lawley is singles titlist

Dallas High School senior Chris Lawley won the singles title in PIAA District 2 competition last

Wednesday at Kirby Park.
Lawley, who defeated Riverside
High School's John Emiliani, 6-3, 6-2, to cop the title, advanced to the finals by defeating Scranton Prep's Terry Cawley, 7-5, 6-1.

Lawley played one of the hardest hitters he was ever on the court with in competition when he went up against Emiliani. The Riverside player displayed an array of forehand smashes and crisp overheads but also made mistakes that suited Lawley's game plan.

Emiliani kept within striking distance in the beginning of each set but the more experienced and versatile Lawley used half volleys and drop shots against his opponent and forced him in to hitting long shots or netting the volley.

The top-seeded Dallas senior lost in the semi-finals last year but with his partner Joe O'Donnell won the doubles title in 1984. This year, he conquered his beginning game jiters and settled down to play about the best he has in his career.

Lawley was trailing 2-1 when the momentum of the game went his way and he gave up only four points in the last five games to take the

Both Lawley and Emiliani will represent the district, May 24 and 25 in the state tournament in Blooms-

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All hunters should be careful while participating in this hunt because in spring season bearded turkevs are hunted by calling only. The major-

ity of hunters are dressed in cam ouflage only, with their faces painted in different colors. They wear no bright flourescent colors and the turkey caller can be easily mistaken for the turkey itself. More hunters are shot for a turkey by mistake than any other game species. To keep hunting accidents at a minimum, I beg everyone to be sure of their target before firing their

The past several weeks, I have been reading magazine and newspaper articles written by champion turkey callers and self proclaimed experts on how to call in spring gobblers. It seems everyone has their own methods of calling. Even though they are not identical, they seem to produce the same results: (1) a turkey answers and will not come close, (2) a turkey answers, comes to the caller and is shot by him, or (3) no turkey answers and the hunter moves on. If a hunter wants to be successful, he must scout before the season to make sure a turkey is in the area, practice his turkey calling until he masters it, and finally, make sure the bird is in close enough so that he can hit it and kill it.

The first Saturday I left my head-quarters and was working in the turkey hunting area of my district when I had to shake myself and make sure I wasn't dreaming. I couldn't believe the sight in front of me. Two hunters were entering the woods wearing camouflage outfits, 357 pistols (which are illegal) and stove pipes on each leg. After checking their licenses, I inquired about their hunting outfits.

They stated that the stove pipes on their legs were for protection from snakes and the 357 pistols were to shoot the snakes. They also stated that ever since they left Philadelphia they had been trying to buy one of those whistles (I later found out they meant a turkey caller) and hadn't been able to find one. I explained the regulations, told them where to get a "whistle" told them to leave their pistols in the car, then suggested they read their hunting digests. They took my advise, thanked me and left...

At the conclusion of my day's work, I had not checked one successful hunter. Here are some of the reasons I heard why a turkey wasn't shot: (1) the weather was too cold, (2) the gobbler didn't come in close because he had some hens with him, (3) someone spooked the bird before it got to the caller, (4) hens were nesting and toms wouldn't answer, and (5) other people were answering his calls.

I feel I had a successful day and I hope the season ends the same because with the large number of hunters in the woods, there were no

(Ed Gdosky is the District Game Commissioner for the Pennsylvania State Game Commission.)

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Ken Atkins Basketball Camp slated

Basketball Day Camp will be held this summer at the King's College gymnasium from Monday, August 5 through Friday, August 9. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 3

boys and girls ages 9 to 17.

Tuition for the one week of camp is \$80, with \$5 and \$10 discounts available for early registration. There are also special tuition rates for families and groups. Anyone

The second annual Ken Atkins p.m. on Friday. It is open to all interested in further information and for an application can call the King's College athletic office at 717-826-5855 or write to Coach Ken Atkins, Basketball Office, King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18711.



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